

# You have a right to voice your concerns



# Public Submissions on Enforcement Matters Process

## Why this matters to you:

The SEM process supports transparency and public participation in the effective enforcement of environmental laws in Canada, Mexico and the United States. By filing a submission, North American residents or organizations can bring their concerns on the effective enforcement of environmental laws to the attention of the three governments.

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**SINCE 1995, NEARLY 500 INDIVIDUALS AND  
NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE RAISED  
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES THROUGH THIS  
MECHANISM TO THE CEC.**

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## Because of the CEC...

- Residents of Canada, Mexico, and the United States can voice their concerns if they have a reason to believe that an environmental law is not being effectively enforced by one of the countries.
- 96 submissions on enforcement matters have been filed pertaining to water quality, biodiversity, environmental assessment, and air emissions in Canada, Mexico, and the United States.
- 23 factual records have been published, providing the public with timely and relevant information regarding how Canada, Mexico or the United States have addressed the effective enforcement of environmental laws raised in the submission.

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